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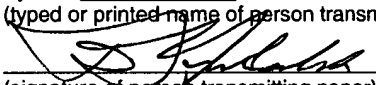
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Copies of 3 German patents, with English translations, are attached. Also, a copy of the search report of the German Patent Office is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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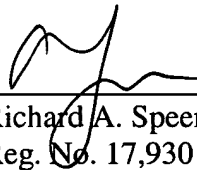
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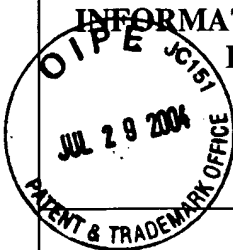
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